



God gives us an invitation to have an abundant life. The banquet is ready, and the tables are set. Come! There is so much to attend to in the everydayness of our lives. We have plans, after all. There is never enough time and so much that needs to be done. There is work, children, and grandchildren, paying the bills, planning for retirement, figuring out the details of our next vacation, making sure we are on top of our game with work, planning social engagements, answering emails, texts, and getting our latest pictures on Facebook. There is always something. What is this about some banquet?

I need another party and commitment like a hole in the head. I can't manage what I already have, and someone is asking me to do more! Seriously? I saw the invitation; I think it came in the mail the other day. Did I leave it on the table? Oh wait, it may have gotten thrown away. I can't remember. In any case, I'm managing things pretty well on my own, I think. Thanks for thinking of me, but no thanks. My life is only as good as I make it and I have to be sure that all is in order! Oh, another invitation came today! This guy's being persistent. Now, I'm getting angry. I wish he would just leave me alone and stop with this invitation nonsense.

I woke up feeling a bit unsettled this morning. The kids have left the house, the grandchildren are busy with their lives, my retirement fund is losing ground, I'm worried about my health, folks have moved away, and I find myself alone. I am unhappy. I remember getting an invitation some time ago to a banquet promising new life and life in abundance. Did I miss something? I think I may have. I am finally discovering that life is not about me and my world. I think I've ignored the God who made me and the God who is the reason for my life, my hope, and my joy. It's always been about me. I have not really discovered Eternal Love.

Is the invitation still open? Can I come to the banquet? I think I'd like to come. ©LPi

LITURGICAL MEMORIALS

The bread and wine being used at all Masses this week has been donated in memory of **Florence Tisdell** by her family.

BAPTISMS

Last Sunday we baptized **Jeremiah Lucey IV** and **Maxwell Wiffin**. We pray that they will grow in the practice of faith with the support of parents and godparents.

MASS INTENTIONS & REMEMBRANCES

- Sat., 10/10 4:00 pm **Josephine & William LaMountain**, by family
- (Remembrance) **Rita Leary**, by family
- (Remembrance) **Nancy Chakuas**, 1st Anniv., by her husband, Joe
- Sun., 10/11 8:00 am **Florence Tisdell**, 5th Anniv., by family
- 10:30 am **Diane Auger**, by Paul & Holly Gauthier
- 6:00 pm **Parishioners' Intentions**
- Mon., 10/12 9:00 am **Parishioners' Intentions**
- Tue., 10/13 9:00 am **Parishioners' Intentions**
- Wed., 10/14 9:00 am **Parishioners' Intentions**
- Thu., 10/15 9:00 am **Parishioners' Intentions**
- Fri., 10/16 9:00 am **Parishioners' Intentions**
- Sat., 10/17 4:00 pm **Tommy Desautels**, by his mother
- (Remembrance) **Stephen Mahoney**, 6- month Anniv., by family
- (Remembrance) **Diane Auger**, by Gerry Gauthier
- Sun., 10/18 8:00 am **Parishioners' Intentions**
- 10:30 am **Mary Murphy**, 1st Anniv., by her children
- (Remembrance) **Sandra Pace**, Month's Mind, by Fr. Monroe
- 6:00 pm **Clement & Judith Anish and Paul & Alice Chase**, by family

CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Last weekend, we deposited the following donations:

- **Weekly Adult Offerings:** **\$6,006.00**
- (\$263.00 in loose offerings and \$5,743.00 in 111 envelopes)
- **Charitable Ministries:** **\$ 275.00**
- **Maintenance Fund:** **\$ 984.00**
- **Debt Reduction Donations:** **\$ 68.00**
- **Catholic School Appeal:** **\$ 80.00**
- **Holy Day:** **\$ 10.00**
- **Rel. Ed. Fees:** **\$ 75.00**
- **Baptism Donation:** **\$ 100.00**
- **World Missions:** **\$ 70.00**

We also received the following online donations:

- **Weekly Adult Offerings:** **\$1,397.31**
- **Maintenance Fund:** **\$ 75.00**
- **Unrestricted Gifts:** **\$ 225.00**
- **Debt Reduction Donation:** **\$ 20.00**
- **Catholic School Appeal:** **\$ 260.00**
- **World Missions:** **\$ 10.00**

REST IN PEACE

Pray for the repose of the souls of **Mary Ellen Glynn, Robert Keeley, Francis Cormier, Sharon McManus and Joshua Egan**.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 Mt 22:1-14
- Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 - 5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a, 6-7 Lk 11:29-32
- Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/Lk 11:37-41
- Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6/Lk 11:42-46
- Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 11:47-54
- Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13/Lk 12:1-7
- Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12
- Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

WORLD MISSIONS COLLECTION

My dear friends in Christ,

In his message for World Mission Day 2020, Pope Francis wrote the following:

In this year marked by the suffering and challenges created by the Covid-19 pandemic, the missionary journey of the whole Church continues in light of the words found in the account of the calling of the prophet Isaiah: “Here am I, send me” (6:8). This is the ever new response to the Lord’s question: “Whom shall I send?” (ibid.). This invitation from God’s merciful heart challenges both the Church and humanity as a whole in the current world crisis.

Our Holy Father reminds us clearly that each baptized Christian is called upon to make Christ present in the world in which they live. In his annual message, Pope Francis continued,

Mission is a free and conscious response to God’s call. Yet we discern this call only when we have a personal relationship of love with Jesus present in his Church. Let us ask ourselves: are we prepared to welcome the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives, to listen to the call to mission, whether in our life as married couples or as consecrated persons or those called to the ordained ministry, and in all the everyday events of life?

Your donations on the weekend of October 17/18 are critical. The Pontifical Mission Societies serve the Church’s universality as a global network of support for the Pope in his missionary commitment by prayer, the soul of mission, and charitable offerings from Christians throughout the world. These donations assist the Pope in the evangelization efforts of particular Churches (the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith), in the formation of local clergy (the Pontifical Society of Saint Peter the Apostle), and in raising missionary awareness in children (Pontifical Society of Missionary Childhood).

In a world where so much divides us, World Mission Sunday rejoices in our unity as missionaries by our Baptism. It also provides an opportunity to support the life-giving presence of the Church among the poor and marginalized in more than 1,111 mission dioceses. Thank you for prayerfully reflecting on how your own baptismal call, and support World Mission Sunday in your parish.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
 Bishop of Worcester

Since we are unable to pass the basket at Masses, there is a smaller container at the Holy Family Shrine table and at the Main Street doors to accept envelopes and cash donations for the “second collection”. We encourage those who are mailing or dropping off donations or making online gifts to consider making a donation to this appeal as well as your regular weekly offerings. Thank you from all who will benefit from your generosity.

CONFESSIONS

Fr. Monroe is available on Saturday’s from 3 to 3:35 pm. Just seek him out when you get to church.

TV MASSES ON SPECTRUM 193 TO END

The Daily and Sunday TV Masses, Family Rosary and other programs produced by the Diocese will no longer be available on Charter/Spectrum Channel 193 after October 23. If you watch on a non-Spectrum cable company like Clinton or Shrewsbury, there is no change. If you watch on the internet, nothing has changed. TV Ministry is working to get on more local access stations over the next few weeks. It could mean a simple change to channel 194 in towns that have Spectrum cable.

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun., October 11 – 28th Ordinal Sunday

8:00 am Lord’s Day Mass

10:30 am Lord’s Day Mass

6:00 pm Lord’s Day Mass

Mon., October 12 -Columbus Day

Parish Office Closed for the Holiday

9:00 am Daily Mass

Tue., October 13 – Tuesday of 28th Ordinal Week

9:00 am Daily Mass

Wed., October 14 – St. Callistus I

9:00 am Daily Mass

6:30 pm Finance Committee

Thu., October 15 – St. Theresa of Jesus

9:00 am Daily Mass

Fri., October 16 – St. Hedwig & Margaret Mary Alacoque

9:00 am Daily Mass

Sat., October 17 - St. Ignatius of Antioch

4:00 pm Vigil Mass

120 CLUB

The winner of last week’s drawing is **James Marshall - #122.**

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday, October 17	4:00 pm	Fr. Monroe
Sunday, October 18	8:00 am	Fr. Dougherty
	10:30 am	Fr. Monroe
	6:00 pm	Fr. Monroe

PRAYING FOR THE SICK

We invite people to call the rectory with names of those who are sick, going through surgery or dealing with ongoing/chronic illness so that we can remember them at Mass each Friday morning. Email Susan at sallard@ourladyofangels.org or Fr. Monroe at cmonroe@ourladyofangels.org to give us names. You can give us full name or just first name if someone prefers some anonymity. You can also list special intentions. This is a way to invite the parish to support those who are struggling and their families.

HOME VISITS

Fr. Monroe and Sister Marie are willing to meet homebound parishioners at their home entrance to give Communion on a monthly basis. Call the rectory to schedule a time. We have begun calling those we had been regularly visiting in the past. Also, Fr. Monroe calls the local hospitals each week to visit parishioners who are hospitalized. Unfortunately, patients are not always asked about church affiliation during the admission process. It is helpful if families call the rectory to let us know someone is hospitalized.